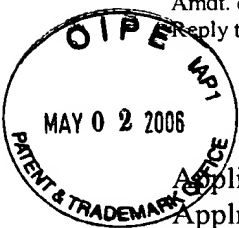


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AMENDMENT "C"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2006 (Paper No. 20060125). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on April 30, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Signature of Attorney

April 26, 2006

Date